

Year 1 Spring Term 1 2025 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. A huge thanks again for all of our extremely generous gifts. We can't wait to get back to all the fantastic learning opportunities we have planned for this half term.

Miss Leafe will continue to be in our classroom Mondays and Tuesdays and Mr Rafael is with us Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Wigglesworth will teach the children on Monday afternoons to cover my PPA time.

If you ever need to get in contact, please email me at katie.kelly@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk and I'll endeavour to respond as promptly as I can. Please, however, contact the office regarding any pick up arrangements as I may not get chance to check my emails during the day.

English and Maths

This half term, we will transition into a more formal routine of teaching maths and English daily as a whole class. In English, we will be focusing on when we need to use capital letters as well as using the conjunction 'and' in a sentence. In maths, we will continue to concentrate on addition and subtraction within ten before moving on to shape and place value within 20. The children will also continue to have daily phonics and maths fluency sessions.



Topic



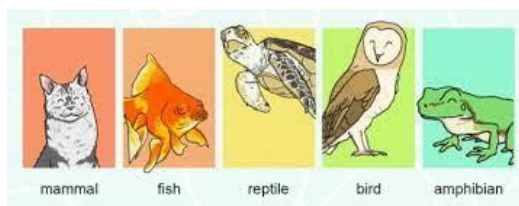
This term, Year 1 and 2 will learn about Explorers. They will be focusing on the following questions:

- Why do people explore?
- How did James Cook become a renowned explorer?
- What has been the impact of Neil Armstrong walking on the moon?
- Who was Amy Johnson?
- Who do you believe had the most impact?

Science

This half term, the children will be asked the following questions exploring animals:

- Can I identify and name a variety of common animals?
- How can we compare and group animals?
- What is a carnivore?
- What is a herbivore?
- What is an omnivore?



We will also be learning about Winter as we explore how the seasons change across the year.

PE



Our P.E days are **Tuesday and Thursday**. Children need to attend school on these days in their school uniform P.E kit.

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Reading

Book exchange: All children will continue to have a school reading book (matched to their phonic ability) and reading record. These books will continue to be changed on **Fridays**. When you have read the book, please sign the reading record. If you have not finished the book your child is reading and would like to keep it an extra week, please write me a message in the reading record.



Please be aware, the reading books will mostly include graphemes they are familiar with so the children should be reading at least 90% of their book fluently; their reading should come across as if it is easy to them. Some books in Y1 may have fewer words and therefore on first glance look easier than the books they were reading at the end of reception but it will be because they include new phase 5 graphemes learnt since September. When your child has read their book to you, you could model how to read with expression and also ask some questions to check comprehension. If your child is struggling to read their book, please get in touch.

Library: In addition to bringing home a school reading book every Friday, children will also choose a book from the school library to take home. The children can choose any book and this decision should be based on reading for pleasure rather than their reading ability (this may mean they bring a book home for you to read to them). These books should be brought in every **Friday**. The children will not be able to get a new library book until they have returned the previous one.



Water bottles

Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle with them to school every day. This should be one that stays in the classroom for the day and not one from their packed lunch.



Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Kelly

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th January: School opens for Spring 1

Friday 14th February: School closes for half term

Monday 24th February: School opens for Spring 2